GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Protection of Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments/sites included in the heritage list of UNESCO;

(b) the further action proposed to be taken by the Government for inclusion of more monuments in the heritage list;

(c) whether the cases of violation of guidelines of UNESCO pertaining to protection of monuments/sites declared as World Heritage have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. â€ *274 FOR 05.12.2016.

(a) As of now, a total of 1052 number of monuments and sites from world are included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO, out of which 35 monuments and sites belong to India. The details are given at Annexure-I.

(b) Presently, 44 sites from India are included in the Tentative List of UNESCO. Inclusion of a site in Tentative List is prerequisite condition for its inscription on the World Heritage List. This Tentative List is revised from time to time in consultation with various State Governments, agencies and experts. The list of such sites is given at Annexure-II. Once the site is included in the Tentative List, a nomination dossier is prepared and submitted to the World Heritage Centre for inclusion in the World Heritage List which is about two and half year long cycle. However, as per extant UNESCO norms, a country can submit a maximum of two nomination dossiers every year, one each under Cultural and Natural Category
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(c) No, Madam. No case of violation of guidelines of UNESCO is reported from Indian World Heritage Sites during last three years and the current year so far.

(d) Question does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. â€ *274 FOR 5.12.2016.

WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Cultural Sites

Under Protection of Archaeological Survey of India

S.No Name of Site State
1. Ajanta Caves (1983) Maharashtra
2. Ellora Caves (1983) Maharashtra
3. Agra Fort (1983) Uttar Pradesh
4. Taj Mahal (1983) Uttar Pradesh
5. Sun Temple, Konarak (1984) Odisha
6. Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984) Tamil Nadu
7. Churches and Convents of Goa (1986) Goa
8. Group of Temples, Khajuraho (1986) Madhya Pradesh
9. Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986) Karnataka
10. Group of Monuments, FatehpurSikri (1986) Uttar Pradesh

11. Group of Temples, Pattadakal (1987) Karnataka
12. Elephanta Caves (1987) Maharashtra
13. Great Living Chola temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004) Tamil Nadu
14. Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989) Madhya Pradesh
15. Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993) Delhi
16. Qutb Minar Complex, Delhi (1993) Delhi
17. Prehistoric Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003) Madhya Pradesh
18. Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004) Gujarat
19. Red Fort Complex, Delhi (2007) Delhi
20. Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and Gagron Forts) (2013) (Amber and Gagron Forts are under protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums) Rajasthan
21. Rani ki Vav (2014) Gujarat
22. Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (2016)Bihar

Under Protection of Ministry of Railways

23. Mountain Railway of India (Darjeeling,1999), Nilgiri (2005), Kalka-Shimla(2008) West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh
24. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) (2004) Maharashtra

Under Protection of Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee

25. Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya (2002) Bihar

Under Protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums Department

26. Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (2010) Rajasthan

Under protection of Chandigarh Administration

27. The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement (2016) Chandigarh

NATURAL SITES

Under Protection of Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change

28. Kaziranga National Park (1985) Assam
29. Manas Wild Life Sanctuary (1985) Assam
30. Keoladeo National Park (1985) Rajasthan
31. Sunderban National Park (1987) West Bengal
32. Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (1988, 2005) Uttarakhand
33. Western Ghats (2012) Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra,Tamil Nadu
34. Great Himalayan National Park (2014) Himachal Pradesh

MIXED SITES

Under protection of Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change

35. Khanchendzonga National Park (2016) Sikkim

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. â€ *274 FOR 5.12.2016.

INDIAN SITES IN THE TENTATIVE LIST OF UNESCO

India at present has 44 sites in the Tentative List of UNESCO.

1. Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (03/07/1998)
2. Apatani Cultural Landscape (15/04/2014)
3. Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port-Town, Lothal (15/04/2014)
4. BahÃ¡"Ã House of Worship at New Delhi (15/04/2014)
5. Bhitarkanika Conservation Area (26/05/2009)
6. Cellular Jail, Andaman Islands (15/04/2014)
7. Chettinad, Village Clusters of the Tamil Merchants (15/04/2014)
8. Chilika Lake (15/04/2014)
9. Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of India (15/04/2015)
10. Delhi - A Heritage City (22/05/2012)
11. Desert National Park (26/05/2009)
12. Dholavira: A Harappan City (15/04/2014)

13. Ekamra Kshetra − The Temple City, Bhubaneswar (15/04/2014)
14. Evolution of Temple Architecture − Aihole-Badami- Pattadakal (09/02/2015)
15. Group of Monuments at Mandu, Madhya Pradesh (03/07/1998)
16. Historic city of Ahmadabad (31/03/2011)
17. Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India (15/04/2014)
18. Jaipur city, Rajasthan India (15/04/2015)
19. Keibul Lamjao Conservation Area (11/03/2016)
20. Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala (03/07/1998)
21. Moidams − the Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty (15/04/2014)
22. Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate (15/04/2014)
23. Monuments of Srirangapatna Island Town (15/04/2014)
24. Mountain Railways of India (Extension) (15/04/2014)
25. Mughal Gardens in Kashmir (13/12/2010)
26. Namdapha National Park (15/03/2006)
27. Narcondam Island (15/04/2014)
28. Neora Valley National Park (26/05/2009)
29. Padmanabhapuram Palace (15/04/2014)
30. River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam (02/03/2004)
31. Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala (15/04/2014)
32. Santiniketan (20/01/2010)
33. Silk Road Sites in India (20/01/2010)
34. Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grand Trunk Road (15/04/2015)
35. Sites of Saytagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement (15/04/2014)
36. Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar, Punjab (05/01/2004)
37. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam (15/04/2014)
38. Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal (03/07/1998)
39. The Glorious Kakatiya Temples and Gateways (15/04/2014)
40. The Neolithic Settlement of Burzahom (15/04/2014)
41. The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar (10/09/2010)
42. The Victorian & Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (22/05/2012)
43. Thembang Fortified Village (15/04/2014)
44. Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch (15/03/2006)

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